Radboud University Nijmegen

Radboud University Nijmegen is one of the leading academic institutions in the Netherlands. The Dutch Ministry of Education recently called Radboud University the top research university in the Netherlands. Renowned for its beautiful campus, modern buildings and state-of-the-art equipment, it has eight faculties and over 16,000 students enrolled in approximately 90 study programmes (40 Bachelor programmes and more than 50 Master programmes).

Nijmegen

The beautiful and lively city of Nijmegen was founded by the Romans (its original Latin name, Noviomagus, means New Market) and is the oldest city in the Netherlands. It is situated near the German border on the banks of the Waal river, a branch of the Rhine delta.

Info: [www.ru.nl/masters/ebig](http://www.ru.nl/masters/ebig)
The EU aims to foster peace and prosperity among the peoples of Europe by promoting a community with open borders while also wishing to preserve diversity and ensuring that decisions are taken as close as possible to citizens. It has become an intense topic of interesting and stimulating geopolitical debate how the goals of the European Union should be valued, understood, and what the proper future of Europe should be. Because Europe and its Union concerns us all, increasingly in a very direct way, it is more necessary than ever to understand the value and workings of the EU within the social and geopolitical developments in Europe at large. This can help you set the course for the Europe of tomorrow.

What you will study
Rather than withering away under the impact of globalisation, borders have become privileged sites today for investigating the contemporary transformation of European governance, sovereignty, territory and identit(ies). The masters specialisation Europe: Borders, Identities and Governance will focus on b/ordering processes occurring within Europe's internal cross-border regions (or Euregions), taking into account the context of shifts in state sovereignty, territoriality, and cultural identity in Europe's borderlands. Courses within this program will also train attention on the external bordering dimension of the European Union (ie, Eastward Enlargement, European Neighbourhood Programme), while also addressing the EU's search for a broader role in the world. Key themes raised in this master specialisation are e.g.: cross-border governance, transnational and multi-level governance, European citizenship and ‘cosmopolitical’ identit(ies), critical border geopolitics, biopolitical b/orderings and border securitisation, European post-colonial b/orderings and ‘othering’, and the search for an ‘ethical’ dimension to European borders.

Studying ‘Europe: Borders, Identities and Governance’ at the Radboud University Nijmegen
The master ‘Europe: Borders, Identities and Governance’ is an engaged and inspiring master that offers state-of-the-art knowledge and skills in the field of European studies. As the European Union is a construction of politically engaged human beings, we will focus on this construction process first and foremost. We will try to find answers to questions like: why do we wish to have a European Union and in what form then, where are the borders of the European Union, how do the policies of the European Union affect our daily lives, our national identities and national borders and how do the policies of the European Union affect the people outside the European Union, the neighbour countries as well as countries further away.
You will be taught by distinguished and internationally recognized professors who study these issues and publish their findings in international academic journals and contribute to the public debate. Our goal is to help you gain up-to-date insights and exchange views on this important knowledge field in a spirit of curiosity, openness and thoughtfulness. You will study theories, methods and instruments, but above all you will develop a knowledge-seeking and critical attitude. The master ‘Europe: Borders, Identities and Governance’ includes a variety of cases, individual and group assignments, international excursions, lectures and seminars. This unique programme gives you the opportunity to share experiences with other students and to link theory with practice. You can select the elective courses that you find interesting and important and you can choose your own topic for your master thesis. Furthermore, we offer to find an exciting and challenging national or international internship in the field of your own interest.

Programme
From the start of the master specialisation on, you will spend time on the writing of your final thesis. This process starts with intensive (individual) training on designing your master research. The programme consists of three compulsory courses, providing you with the necessary scholarly background. These courses are:
- Geopolitics of Borders
- Cross-Border Governance
- Multiculturalism, Diversity and Space

Furthermore you can choose two relevant elective courses for your master research. Usually you will conduct your master thesis research in the framework of an internship as part of the programme. In this way you get a feeling of professional life in the field and enhance your chances on the job market.

Admission
The requirements for admission are either:
- a bachelor degree in Human Geography
- a bachelor degree in one of the disciplines of the Faculty of Management
- a bachelor degree in one of the disciplines of the Faculty of Social Sciences or
- another relevant bachelor degree

For more information please contact the study advisor.
More information can be found on the website www.ru.nl/masters/ebig.